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A 10x10 grid of dots forming a stylized drawing of a person with arms raised in a 'V' shape. The figure is composed of black dots on a white background. The head is a small circle of 5 dots. The torso is a vertical line of 5 dots. The arms are raised in a 'V' shape, with each arm consisting of 5 dots. The legs are represented by two short horizontal lines of 2 dots each at the bottom.

3. ICRC Representatives Request USG Help in Securing Field Hospital to Serve Royalists. In meeting Ambassador September 30 International Red Cross (ICRC) representatives requested USG help in securing field hospital for use Yemenis in Royalist territories northeast Yemen. They hope establish hospital in buffer zone across from Najran. One representative has just returned from two week tour Jawf area where he found active combat still continuing and wounded deprived of any medical treatment whatsoever. Civilian population also suffering from breakdown health due malnutrition.

representatives stated they speaking without instructions from Central Red Cross Committee but said need for aid was urgent. Ambassador has requested USG give sympathetic consideration to transport as far as Najran by USAF of field hospital unit which ICRC may purchase. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. More Oil Exploration Efforts. SAG Council of Ministers September 23 authorized Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources to award new two million dollar contract to Robert H. Ray Company, an American firm, to carry out further seismic surveys of the Red Sea offshore area, specifically including vicinity of Jizan and Farasan Islands, which had not been included in survey currently underway. In addition, Ray Company will survey so-called "preferential area" in central Saudi Arabia, some 177,037 square miles, final portion of which was relinquished by Aramco in its March 1963 settlement with SAG.

It will be recalled that Petroleum Minister YAMANI had earlier announced to press that the Ray Company had found oil in the offshore area of al-Lith, some 120 miles south of Jidda. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment:

Ray Company, incidentally, is only the latest of a group of American firms now being awarded or about to be awarded SAG contracts. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Establishment of New Refining and Marketing Company. SAG Council of Ministers has approved formation of a national refining and marketing company to operate in western part of Saudi Arabia. General Petroleum and Mineral Organization (GEPMO) will have 75 percent share and Saudi Arabian Refinery Company (SARCO) 25 percent. By Royal Decree number 111 of September 12, SAG withdrew SARCO's old concession for this area and permitted its transfer to new organization, once merger actually takes place. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comments: It is not yet clear whether new company will build a 10,000 bbl refinery in Jidda, as had been contemplated by SARCO, which had actually

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negotiated contract for its construction by Natomas, J.H. Pomeroy and Dillingham at estimated cost of nine million dollars. Most observers expect, however, that new company will seek to take over Aramco's bulk plant facilities at Jidda. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. American Teachers Arrive. Twelve young American instructors in English arrived Jidda September 23 to teach English in Saudi secondary schools during school year which began officially September 28. Contracts were arranged under auspices University of Texas. Group was warmly welcomed by representatives Ministry of Education as "first American teachers in Kingdom's history." Preliminary arrangements were speedily completed in Jidda, teachers were assigned to secondary schools in Jidda, Taif, Riyadh, Damman and Hofuf. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Teacher for Blind. According press report, al-Madina, September 25, American citizen George WALLY recently arrived in Kingdom to donate teaching services for three month period to al-Nur Institute for the Blind in Riyadh. Wally, press reported, learned of dearth of teachers in Saudi Arabia, wrote to SAG offering his aid, paid his own transport cost to Kingdom. While here, however, he is guest of Government. (UNCLASSIFIED)

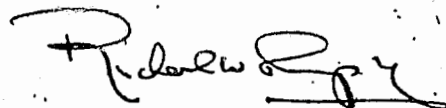
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3. Yemen News. Long-established pattern press coverage Yemen situation of drawing on non-Saudi sources continued during period under review. Baydani's arrest in Cairo, Shafa'i-Zaydi dissention, reports of numerous tribes declaring for Imam, and visit to Kingdom of Arab League Secretary-General Hassouna (see POLITICAL), as reported from Aden, Beirut and Cairo, were featured. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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